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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN OKALOOSA COUNTY ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY GROUP EXPANSION FOR COVID-19 VACCINATIONS



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**FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla.**— In accordance with Executive Order 21-62 issued on March 8, 2021, DOH-Okaloosa and our partners will be available to vaccinate the following groups of individuals beginning March 15, 2021:

- Persons 60 years of age and older with a birthdate of March 1961 or earlier (*EXPANDED AGE GROUP*)
- Persons 16 and older deemed extremely vulnerable to COVID-19 by a physician with the either the [DOH COVID-19 Determination of Eligibility](#) form or form with equivalent information (*EXPANDED VACCINATORS AUTHORIZED IN NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER ALLOWING IMPROVED ACCESS TO APPOINTMENT TIMES FOR THIS GROUP*)
- Health care workers with direct patient contact, including long-term care, home health, and hospice workers (For the definition of what classifies as a health care worker with direct patient contact, visit our [COVID-19 vaccine page](#))
- K-12 school employees 50 and older
- Sworn law enforcement officers 50 and older
- Firefighters 50 and older

These appointments are open to the eligible groups listed above for booking now. DOH-Okaloosa has increased the number of appointments for clinics scheduled on March 15 – 19, 2021 due to the expansion of eligibility groups. A total of 1,925 vaccination appointments are available.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Monday, March 15	8 a.m. – noon 500 appointments	DOH-Okaloosa Fort Walton Beach 221 Hospital Dr. NE Fort Walton Beach, FL
Tuesday, March 16	8 a.m. – 4 p.m. 875 appointments	DOH-Okaloosa Fort Walton Beach 221 Hospital Dr. NE Fort Walton Beach, FL
Friday, March 19	8 a.m. – noon 550 appointments	DOH-Okaloosa Fort Walton Beach 221 Hospital Dr. NE Fort Walton Beach, FL

Appointments must be made in advance. To make an appointment visit [myokaloosa.com/bcc/covid-19/vaccine](https://myokaloosa.com/bcc/covid-19/vaccine) to register online via [Eventbrite](#) or by calling 850-344-0566. Google Chrome is the recommended browser for using Eventbrite. You should make sure your web browser is up to date. An overloaded web browser could prevent your registration from going through. Clear your browser's cache and cookies.

We encourage people to register online. Tickets are also available by phone until sold out. Please note callers may experience delays, dropped calls and busy signals due to high call volume. But when Eventbrite is sold out, please continue to call 850-344-0566. While Eventbrite appointments usually fill up before the telephone appointments, there are also cancellations that free up additional appointments.

Appointments are required for this vaccination clinic and will not be scheduled on site. Do not arrive at the vaccination site without an appointment. IDs will be verified at the vaccination event and if anyone scheduled does not meet any of the eligibility criteria, their appointment will be canceled.

The vaccination provided will be the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. A second dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine is required 21 days after the first dose. This dose will be scheduled at the first dose appointment. Medical experts and doctors have developed a safe and effective vaccine. This vaccine has been authorized by the Food and Drug Administration based on clinical testing.

The COVID-19 vaccine is a monumental step toward getting back to the moments we have all missed – visiting and sharing time with family and friends.

Individuals receiving the vaccine must complete a vaccine screening and consent form. This is available on our [website](#). For those that cannot access the forms in advance, a paper copy will be provided at your appointment time.

All individuals being vaccinated must show a valid government-issued ID. This can include a passport, driver's license or military identification card. People will also need to bring their registration confirmation number.

Appointments are non-transferable. If you need to cancel an appointment, you can call 850-344-0566 or if you registered online you can cancel using Eventbrite. Each person receiving the vaccine must sign up for an individual appointment ticket. Due to high demand, tickets online may be "sold" before your sale is complete. Completed orders display an order number and you will receive a confirmation email.

Once you've secured your appointment time, please arrive on-time. Individuals arriving early can cause delays and longer lines.

Please be careful not to be fooled by a fake Eventbrite account. Always use the link provided by DOH-Okaloosa and Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners. Registration is free. DOH-Okaloosa will not ask for credit card information or your social security number.

We will issue an update once vaccination slots have been filled. As vaccination events and details are finalized, DOH - Okaloosa will release more information on vaccination events.

The appointment only vaccination clinic will be drive-thru only, and all individuals will remain in their vehicle for the duration of the clinic. Individuals receiving the vaccine are asked to wear short-sleeve shirts and remove any jackets/coats when arriving.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises individuals to be monitored for at least 15 - 30 minutes after receiving the vaccine. Individuals will be directed to a waiting area to park and should plan accordingly.

On January 21, State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees signed a [Public Health Advisory prioritizing Florida residents](#) for COVID-19 vaccinations given in Florida. Recipients of the vaccine must be able to demonstrate residency consistent with criteria set forth in § 381.986(5)(b), Fla. Stat.; or an individual present in Florida for the purpose of providing health care services involving direct contact with patients.

Florida residents will need to show their Florida driver's license or Florida identification card. Health care workers with direct patient contact, K-12 school employees 50 and older, sworn law enforcement officers 50 and older and firefighters 50 and older will need to provide proof of employment in Florida. This includes a work badge or identification card, W-2 form or a pay stub. Persons who are deemed extremely vulnerable to COVID-19 must present the [COVID-19 Determination of Extreme Vulnerability form](#) or form with equivalent information on clinic letterhead.

Seasonal resident means any person who temporarily resides in this state for a period of at least 31 consecutive days in each calendar year, maintains a temporary residence in this state, returns to the state or jurisdiction of his or her residence at least one time during each calendar year, and is registered to vote or pays income tax in another state or jurisdiction. An adult seasonal resident may provide the department with a copy of **two** of the following that show proof of residential address:

1. A deed, mortgage, monthly mortgage statement, mortgage payment booklet or residential rental or lease agreement.
2. One proof of residential address from the seasonal resident's parent, step-parent, legal guardian or other person with whom the seasonal resident resides and a statement from the person with whom the seasonal resident resides stating that the seasonal resident does reside with him or her.
3. A utility hookup or work order dated within 60 days before registration of the date of vaccination.
4. A utility bill, not more than 2 months old.
5. Mail from a financial institution, including checking, savings, or investment account statements, not more than 2 months old.
6. Mail from a federal, state, county, or municipal government agency, not more than 2 months old.
7. Any other documentation that provides proof of Florida residential address that is not more than 2 months old.

Updates will be added to DOH-Okaloosa website, [www.HealthyOkaloosa.com](http://www.HealthyOkaloosa.com). Information about the statewide vaccination distribution plan can be found on the Department of Health's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#).

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